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FDD Abstract

STALIN METALLURGICAL PLANT IN LABEDY (2 pages; ~~German~~, undated)

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This document consists of [REDACTED] a typewritten report and a one-page sketch of the metallurgical plant described in the report, the Stalin plant in Labedy. 25X1X

The plant is the former Hermann Goering Plant. It is on the northern edge of Labedy and occupies an area about 1,800 x 800 meters. It was practically undamaged during the war, but after the war all the valuable installations were dismantled and shipped east. However, since the plant is very valuable for the armaments industry, it was rebuilt, and by the end of 1948 it had again reached normal production capacity. Its employees at that time numbered about 5,000.

The plant makes all sorts of steel products and also has a nickel plant and a rolling mill attached.

The director general of the plant is a former activist named Karwat, a Party member of long standing.

Since February 1951 there has been a military guard of about 60 men assigned to the plant in addition to the ordinary plant guard. Also since that time there has been a double wire barricade around the plant, connected with an alarm system. Within the plant large areas are being prepared for living quarters for workers. So far, they are not occupied, but the workers say that in case of mobilization or war no one would be allowed to go home.

According to a technical engineer, the Stalin plant could be completely converted to war production within about six weeks, if necessary.

The sketch of the plant, 1:5,000, shows the location of blast furnaces, Bessemer installations, living quarters, design shops, administrative and technical management offices, garages, and plant guards. It also shows the canal which runs past the plant, roads and paths around the plant, the wall and barbed wire fences which surround it.

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